

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment and announce a public hearing on a draft permit from the State Water Control Board that will allow the release of treated industrial wastewater and stormwater into a water body in Prince William County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: October 30, 2015 to December 14, 2015. The public comment period totals 45 days; establishing a period for providing written comment before the public hearing that exceeds the minimum requirements and a shortened period for providing written comment after the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality – Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193 on December 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING: Staff will be available to answer questions during an informational briefing held at The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Woodbridge, Virginia on December 8, 2015, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Industrial wastewater and stormwater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power, 5000 Dominion Boulevard, Glen Allen, VA 23060, VA0002071

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY: Dominion – Possum Point Power Station, 19000 Possum Point Road, Dumfries, VA 22026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Virginia Power has applied for a modification of a permit for the Dominion – Possum Point Power Station. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater and stormwater at a combined rate of 172 million gallons per day from eight outfalls into three water bodies. The modification addresses additional industrial wastewater and stormwater discharges associated with the closure of the facility's ash ponds pursuant to a 2015 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) final Rule that regulates the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR). The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewater and stormwater in an unnamed tributary to Quantico Creek, Quantico Creek, and the Potomac River in Prince William County in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: pH, Total Residual Chlorine, Free Available Chlorine, Heat Rejection, Oil and Grease, Total Suspended Solids, Total Chromium, Total Copper, Total Iron, Total Zinc, and 126 Priority Pollutants. The permit will monitor the following pollutants to protect water quality: Temperature, Total Dissolved Nickel, Total Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, Ammonia (as N), Nitrate+Nitrite, Total Phosphorus, and Chronic Toxicity. The modification of the permit will limit the following pollutants associated with the closure of the facility's ash ponds to protect water quality: pH, Total Hardness, Total Suspended Solids, Oil and Grease, Total Recoverable Antimony, Total Recoverable Arsenic, Total Recoverable Cadmium, Chloride, Total Recoverable Chromium III, Total Recoverable Chromium VI, Total Recoverable Copper, Total Recoverable Lead, Total Recoverable Mercury, Total Recoverable Nickel, Total Recoverable Selenium, Total Recoverable Silver, Total Recoverable Thallium, Total Recoverable Zinc, Acute Toxicity and Chronic Toxicity.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by hand delivery, e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester.

The Board will also accept written and oral comments at the public hearing. To make a statement at a public hearing, write your name on a sign-up sheet available before the hearing. You may sign up only for yourself. The time allowed for each statement is set by the hearing officer.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The public may review the documents at the DEQ-Northern Regional Office by appointment, or may request electronic copies of the draft permit and fact sheet.

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